

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**  
**ONKWATA'KARITÁHTSHERA**

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# THE CONSTITUTION

## Article I

### NAME

Onkwata'karitáhtshera

## Article II

### PURPOSE

Kanien'kehaka control of Kanien'kehaka health and social services.

## Article III

### MISSION

Our mission is to be responsible for planning, maintaining and improving health and social services for the well being of all Kahnawa'kehró:non.

## Article IV

### MANDATE

**ONKWATA'KARITÁHTSHERA** is mandated by the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake through Mohawk Council Resolution # 45/1999-2000 to provide a single unified approach to community health.

## Article V

### MEMBERSHIP

Onkwata'karitáhtshera

Onkwata'karitáhtshera is the responsible body that will oversee global health and social service issues for Kahnawake. Onkwata'karitáhtshera is answerable to the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake and ultimately the community. Onkwata'karitáhtshera shall determine its membership and terms of office according to its established by-laws.

**Article VI**

**CHAIRPERSON/VICE-CHAIRPERSON/SECRETARY**

Onkwata'karitáhtshera shall nominate and elect a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and Secretary from its membership on an annual basis.

**Article VII**

**SUBCOMMITTEES**

Onkwata'karitáhtshera will set up subcommittees with clear mandates. The subcommittees can create working groups bringing on specialized resource persons as required.

**Article VIII**

**MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be held on a regular and ongoing basis to ensure the mandate of Onkwata'karitáhtshera is carried out.

**Article IX**

**BY-LAWS**

Onkwata'karitáhtshera will adopt by-laws consistent with this constitution.

**Article X**

**AMENDMENTS**

**Procedures**

- a) The Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Onkwata'karitáhtshera at any meeting, provided written notice of said proposed amendment(s) has been mailed by the Chairperson to each member at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date on which the amendment is to be considered.
- b) Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws shall be mailed to the Onkwata'karitáhtshera membership and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake no later than thirty-days (30) after being adopted.